

(9) A detailed timetable for carrying out the activities of the proposed project, including any plans for continuing activities beyond the project period;

(10) A description of the background and qualifications of the project staff and any proposed consultants;

(11) Information concerning the source and number of potential students for the education program and a description of plans, if any, to encourage graduates of the education program to practice in States in need of nurses prepared in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(12) A plan to sustain the project beyond the period during which Federal assistance is available; and

(13) A plan to attract and retain a higher than average number of minority and financially needy students.

(d) In the case of a project to significantly expand an advanced nurse education program, the application shall contain an assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that the applicant will expend, in carrying out the program for which a grant under this subpart is sought, an amount of non-Federal funds (excluding costs of construction) at least as great as the average amount of non-Federal funds (excluding expenditures of a nonrecurring nature, including costs of construction) expended for this purpose during the 3 fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought.

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#### § 57.2505 Project requirements.

(a) A project supported under this subpart shall be conducted in accordance with its approved application.

(b) A project supported under this subpart shall enroll professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, or students who will be professional nurses, as defined in § 57.2502, at or prior to completion of the advanced nurse education program.

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#### § 57.2506 Evaluation and grant awards.

(a) *Evaluation.* Within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary, after consultation with the Council, may award grants to those applicants whose projects will, in his or her judgment, best promote the purposes of section 821 of the Act, taking into consideration among other pertinent factors:

(1) The need for the proposed project including, with respect to projects to provide education in professional nursing specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education:

(i) The current or anticipated need for professional nurses educated in the specialty; and

(ii) The relative number of programs offering advanced education in the specialty;

(2) The need for nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided in the State in which the education program is located, as compared with the need for these nurses in other States;

(3) The degree to which the applicant proposes to recruit students from States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided, and to promote their return to these States following education;

(4) The degree to which the applicant proposes to encourage graduates to practice in States in need of nurses in the specialty in which education is to be provided;

(5) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project in carrying out the educational purposes of section 821 of the Act and this subpart;

(6) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(7) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and

(8) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the period of grant support; and

(9) The degree to which the applicant proposes to attract, retain and graduate minority and financially needy students.

(b) *Funding preference.* In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the